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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 3209

**Brief Description:** Managing costs of the ferry system.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Clibborn, Rolfes, Seaquist and Morris.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- States the legislative intent to address cost drivers and revenue projections that impact the ferry system.
- States the legislative intent to evaluate and develop strategies to manage costs and improve efficiencies of the ferry system.

**Hearing Date:** 3/4/10

**Staff:** Debbie Driver (786-7143)

#### Background:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Ferries Division operates and maintains ferry vessels and terminals, constructs terminals, and acquires vessels. The system serves eight Washington counties and one Canadian province through 22 vessels and 20 terminals.

The 2009-11 Transportation Budget appropriates \$400.6 million for the operating expenses and \$98.4 million for the capital expenses of the Ferries Division.

#### Summary of Bill:

The bill states the legislative intent to address cost drivers and revenue projections that impact the ferry system. The bill states the legislative intent to evaluate and develop strategies to manage costs and improve efficiencies of the ferry system.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.